

# May 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,  
Happy Feast of St. Joseph the Worker – and continued Happy Easter blessings from God!

Links to virtual Masses

Facebook – (Fr-Rico Passero) and the Parish Page – St. Joseph Catholic Church Grimsby

YouTube Channel

- [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5\\_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw)

Parish Website – [www.stjosephgrimsby.ca](http://www.stjosephgrimsby.ca)

Here are the updates for the week

1. Today (May 1) at 12 noon – we celebrated a Holy Hour, uniting in prayer with Bishop Bergie as he consecrated the Diocese of St. Catharines to our Blessed Mother in time of Pandemic. Thanks to all who joined in the prayer. For those who missed it, log into Facebook and the YouTube channel to pray – since the feeds are still there.

2. Many of you have already been using the FORMED platform this past week. I am so pleased to see so many families and individuals utilizing this amazing platform. Once again, I am including the instructions for you to log in – and know that the parish has paid for the subscription for all parishioners to use for FREE for the year. FORMED is like Netflix for the Catholic Church. This is an online portal with MANY amazing Catholic resources – good movies for adults, teens, children, of different ages. This resource will help everyone deepen their faith, watch quality programming and also pray. You need to log in with an email. See the instructions below. Trust me – you will love it!

To log onto FORMED (again FREE to all parishioners)

- Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- Click Sign up
- Click – I belong to a parish or organization
- Type St Joseph Grimsby – in the “find your parish or organization” box and click on our parish name once it populates
- Click Next
- Add your name and email address – then click sign up
- Enjoy FORMED

3. Please find the Daily Mass Intentions for the upcoming week attached to this email. Note – if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one – please contact the office. Let us continue to remember all of the dead, even if they died many years ago, in our prayers. It is our responsibility to pray for the deceased and assist them to attain eternal life – passing through the waters of death, through purgatory, to eternal glory. Mass intentions can also be offered for those who are alive – and we call them “special intentions” this can be for a birthday, anniversary, anticipation of surgery or special need of any kind. The grace from gifting a Mass to someone is significant. Offerings for a Mass in the Diocese of St. Catharines are \$10 per name per Mass. Contact the parish office for more details.

4. I once encourage parish groups – especially leaders, to look to use electronic measures to reach out to one another – email, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and many other platforms are a great way of staying connected to one another. Please continue to pray for and care for one another. I continue to make several calls myself and encourage all parishioners to reach out to one another – we all share the responsibility to look after each other. There are many groups using these platforms – let's stay connected!

5. Thank you again for remembering the parish in regard to finances. **Please continue to use the parish e-transfer email – [myparishgift@gmail.com](mailto:myparishgift@gmail.com)** (remembering there is to be no security question or password) **If you use the e-transfer option – please add your envelope number in the message line.** You can also continue to drop off your parish envelopes in the mailbox just outside the parish doors. I check and empty it several times a day. God bless you for your generosity.

6. Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday – we pray in a special way for Vocations. As the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of St. Catharines – the Holy Hour on Sunday will be especially dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the diaconate – especially here in the Diocese of St. Catharines. I invite ALL parishioners to join me in prayer on Sunday May 3 @ 3pm.

7. Let us keep in our prayers the 6 victims of the helicopter crash that were serving our great country in the armed forces. We will be praying for them this weekend at Mass in a particular way.

8. Please find attached to this email a letter of thanks from the Grimsby Benevolent Fund in thanksgiving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and volunteers who together with our partnership with Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary school, and myself hosted the Community dinner in March. Thanks also to all parishioners who continue to drop off food and clothing donations here to the Church in the GBF bin. They came to pick up again this week and thank all parishioners for their generosity.

9. The St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead (remember times given are for the Live Stream on Facebook, uploaded later to YouTube). Everything given here is ONLINE only – please stay home

#### **Saturday May 2**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour 9:30am

#### **Sunday May 3 – Good Shepherd Sunday / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Mass – 10:30am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm – especially focused on Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life  
Diaconate

**Monday May 4**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Tuesday May 5**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Wednesday May 6**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

**Thursday May 7**

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

**Friday May 8**

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

If you have any pastoral needs, please email or call the parish.

You remain in my daily prayers – please pray for me.

God bless,

Fr. Rico